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a propeller shaft defining a radial and a circumferential direction;
a mass body arranged concentrically in the propeller shaft; and
a plurality of rubber spring elements for mounting the mass body to the propeller
shaft;

wherein at least one of the mass body and the propeller shaft at least partially form,
in circumferentially opposite regions between the rubber spring elements, a plurality of stop
elements for limiting a vibration travel of the mass body in at least the radial direction.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-6 and substitute claims 1-8 annexed
to the International Preliminary Examination Report in the underlying PCT Application No.
PCT/EP98/04659 (a translation of which is submitted herewith), and adds new claims 9-18. The
new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and
abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments
to the specification and abstract do not introduce new matter into the application.

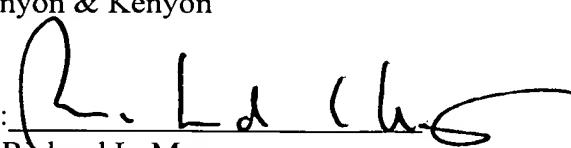
The underlying PCT application includes a Search Report, a copy of which is submitted
herewith.

Conclusion

Consideration of the present application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

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